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FSC has rented some apartments that they are using as emergency shelter. They have a few units that they house victims in. They are not private, ie. They may have multiple families/individuals in each unit. They are continuing to hotel, as the apartments are a finite space.

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Thanks, Jennifer. Is FSC doing more shelter services through hoteling or by some other means ?

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I think this would be an interesting evaluation. Once we get our JAG funding, let's revisit this and see if we have the capacity to do something to evaluate the effectiveness. We'd probably want to check with TBI and/or the AOC to see if they are tracking the emergency orders at this point. If not, I'm sure you have ideas in mind on how to drill down for this

research.

I did not know they were coming in. I'd love to be involved if possible. Just let me know. I'd like to know what they are thinking. I think we have a pretty firm idea of what the issues are. We need more shelter beds, more transitional housing and more advocates. That being said – on the shelter bed front: Susan and I will be in Memphis to meet with the YWCA board of directors to discuss our concerns in August. They have a facility that could provide emergency shelter for approximately 80 victims of domestic violence, but only are using about 40 beds. That is an area where we could help some, but we continue to have concerns about their administrative oversight. Also, they are not getting as much community support as other shelters in areas like Nashville, Chattanooga and Knoxville. The FSC has stepped up and is doing more shelter, but we need to increase their capacity. With the population and crime rate, there could be a need for upwards of 100 beds. Davidson County has approximately 100 beds at this point. To do that though, there needs to be community support because construction type activities and land/property purchases are not allowable with our funds.

We are working with the FSC on incremental increases so we don't overwhelm them. We have found incremental increases to be the smart way to increase funding and capacity. They are doing well and we see a lot of potential to continue to increase. We just increased their DV positions and we are picking up their CREA positions in January.

Agape needs more transitional housing also. We have increased their funding beginning July 1 and we are meeting with them in August to learn more about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen work.

All that to say – I think we have a good idea of needs and we are working on meeting them, but we also have to think about what happens when the VOCA funds constrict (because they most likely will not stay at these levels long term). We need a plan that increases community involvement for the three programs on the issue.

Sorry – This was probably more than you wanted, but I have in my head a strategic plan for what OCJP sees and what we can do. To be effective though, it needs to include private organizations and fundraising plans for long term sustainability.

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Just to clarify, the Public Safety Act (PSA) says a law enforcement may seek a temporary protective order on behalf of a victim. A judge would still have to issue the order.

It also provides that, on initial appearance in court by a DV defendant, if the judge finds probable cause of serious bodily injury or use or display of a deadly weapon, the judge MUST issue a temporary protective order. (No discretion.)

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Angela,

Thank you for this information. Very interesting, and I was not aware.

Director Brinkman has the state-wide perspective and I am sure she will respond. I will also check in with her about OCJP involvement with the assessment occurring the week of August 20<sup>th</sup> with the PSA.

Thank you, again for this information!!

Best,  
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Good morning,

Bill and I were just in a meeting with Chief Crowe of Memphis Police Department and the PSA of 2016 came up.

The PSA mandates that judges "shall" issue temporary orders of protection in certain circumstances outlined in Section 2, subsection (c). However, this is apparently not happening. (Also, law enforcement officers "may" issue, which also isn't happening).

This would make an excellent statewide project. Using the original intent of the law, we could examine whether it is having its intended impact.

Just a thought, but this ties in to all the DV initiatives going on in Shelby County right now.

Also, I'm not sure if you are aware, but the Public Safety Partnership folks (Feds) are proposing to come in and do an assessment of DV victim services in Shelby County. Chief Crowe said they are coming in the week of August 20 to discuss. I have been invited to participate. Should one of you also be involved?

Thank you!

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